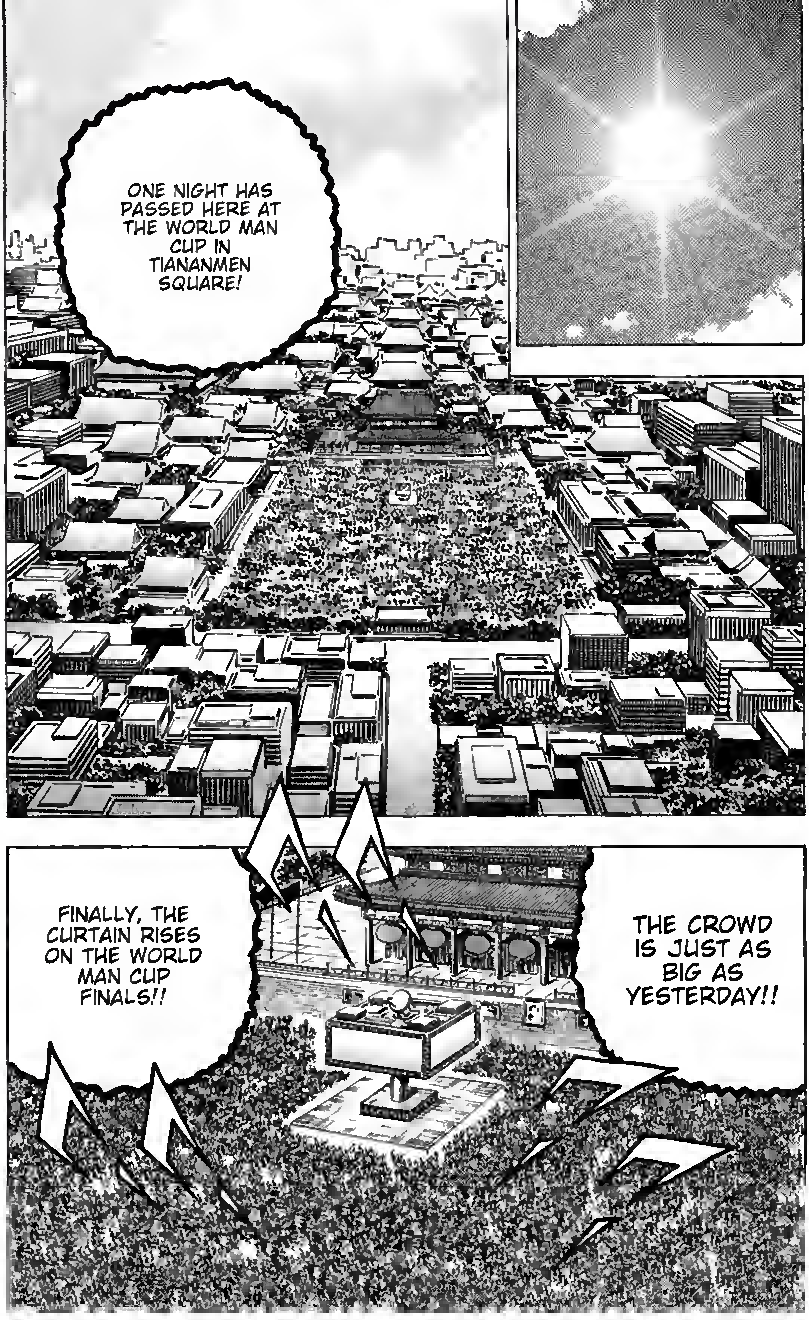
ONE NIGHT HAS PASSED HERE AT THE WORLD MAN CUP IN TIANANMEN SQUARE!
FINALLY, THE CURTAIN RISES ON THE WORLD MAN CUP FINALS!!
THE CROWD IS JUST AS BIG AS YESTERDAY!!

CHAPTER 36: THIS IS THE GREATEST BARRIER!!

ON TEAM CHINA, HAN XIANG-ZHUO, WU YUAN-SHAO, AND ZHANG-FEI!
ON TEAM JAPAN, AKASHI JUZO, TSURUGI SHISHIMARU, AND KUROSU NOBUNAGA!
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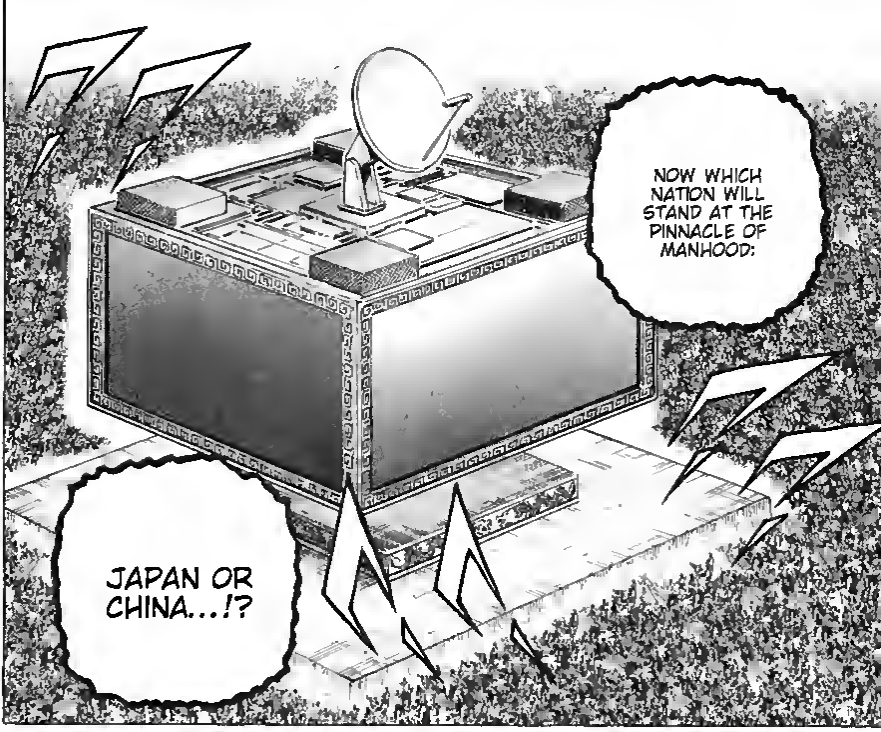
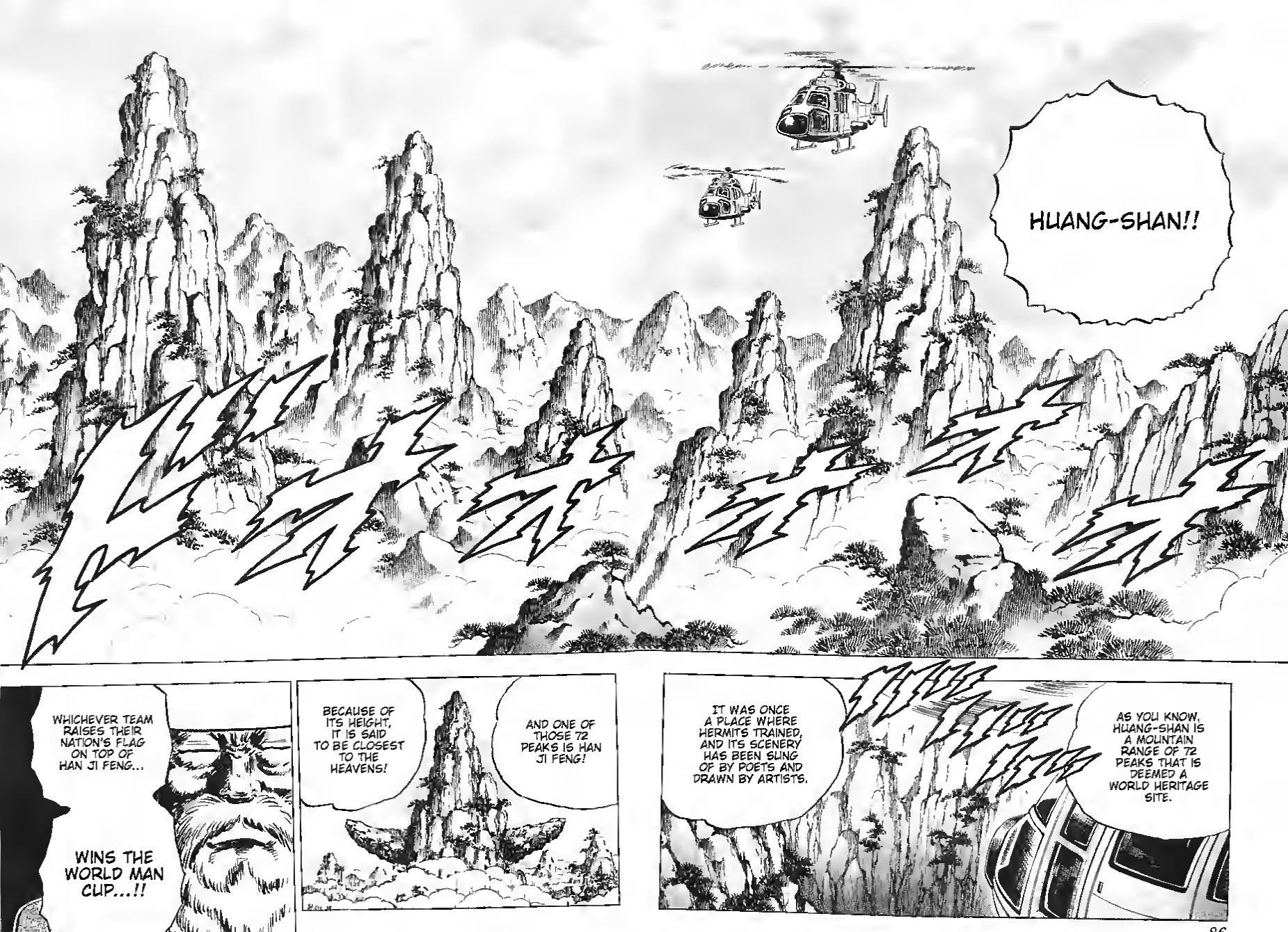

NOW WHICH NATION WILL STAND AT THE PINNACLE OF MANHOOD:
JAPAN OR CHINA...!?

THERE'S SOME KIND OF HUGE BOX ABOVE THE STADIUM!
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT...!?

BUT FIRST, BEHOLD!

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN THE FINAL EVENT OF THE WORLD MAN CUP!!

I GET IT, IT'S A GIANT FOUR-SIDED TV SCREEN!!
THERE ARE TWO HELICOPTERS ON IT!!
OH, THAT'S...!!
AND THAT LOCATION IS...
THE BATTLE WILL BE HELD AT ANOTHER LOCATION.
THE JAPANESE AND CHINESE TEAMS ARE EACH RIDING ON THESE HELICOPTERS.


HUANG-SHAN!!
WHICHEVER TEAM RAISES THEIR NATION'S FLAG ON TOP OF HAN JI FENG...
WINS THE WORLD MAN CUP...!!
BECAUSE OF ITS HEIGHT, IT IS SAID TO BE CLOSEST TO THE HEAVENS!
AND ONE OF THOSE 72 PEAKS IS HAN JI FENG!
IT WAS ONCE A PLACE WHERE HERMITS TRAINED, AND ITS SCENERY HAS BEEN SUNG OF BY POETS AND DRAWN BY ARTISTS.
AS YOU KNOW, HUANG-SHAN IS A MOUNTAIN RANGE OF 72 PEAKS THAT IS DEEMED A WORLD HERITAGE SITE.

THIS IS THE WORLD MAN CUP'S FINAL EVENT,
"THREE BARRIERS OF HAN JI FENG"!!
THE THREE BARRIERS REFER TO THREE BATTLE GROUNDS.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MUST PASS THREE FIGHTS BEFORE YOU CAN REACH THE SUMMIT.
THE ORIGINATOR OF THIS BATTLE WAS THE HERO OF THE "ROMANCE OF THE THREE KINGDOMS", WARLORD LIU BEI.
LIU BEI USED THIS BATTLE TO MEASURE THE POWER OF HIS FORCES.

IN ANY WORLD, MEN OF PRIDE SEEK THE SUMMIT OF THE MOUNTAIN WITHIN THEIR SOULS.
THIS IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT REACHING THAT SUMMIT MEANS REACHING THE SUMMIT OF A MAN!
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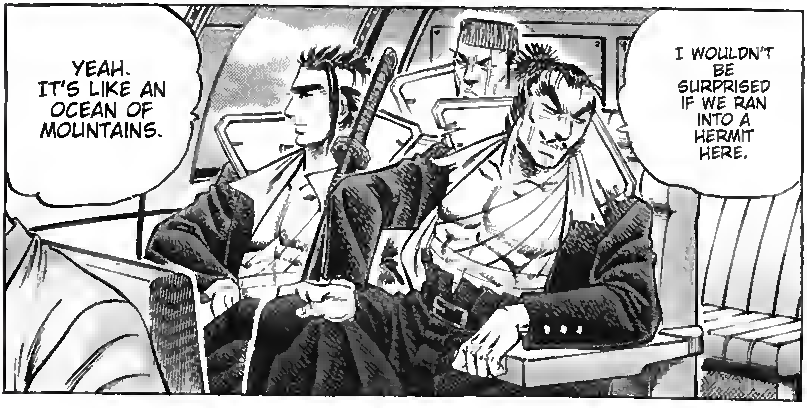
THERE IS NOTHING MORE SUITABLE FOR THE FINAL EVENT OF THE WORLD MAN CUP.
THAT IS ALL...!!


I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF WE RAN INTO A HERMIT HERE.
YEAH. IT'S LIKE AN OCEAN OF MOUNTAINS.

I DON'T CARE WHERE WE FIGHT...
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.
KCH. YOU STILL BELIEVE THAT FAKE PRIEST...?
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ALRIGHT! LET'S STICK WITH THE ROTATION AND LEAVE IT TO ME!
ONE OF YOU, GET DOWN THERE!!
WE'VE REACHED THE FIRST BATTLE GROUND!!
DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE, NOBUNAGA.
HEH. LOOK WHO'S TALKING.
THERE'S NOTHING BUT CLOUDS AND MIST DOWN THERE. I CAN'T SEE A THING.
YOU WANT ME TO CLIMB THIS ROPE DOWN?

WHOA!!

WHAT THE HELL!?
I'M SUPPOSED TO FIGHT HERE...!?
WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO DO...?
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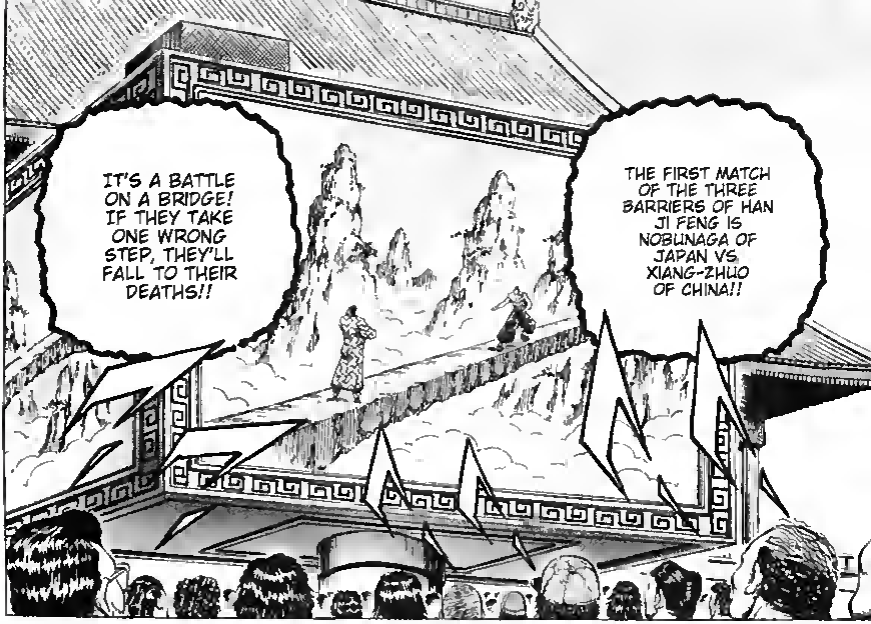
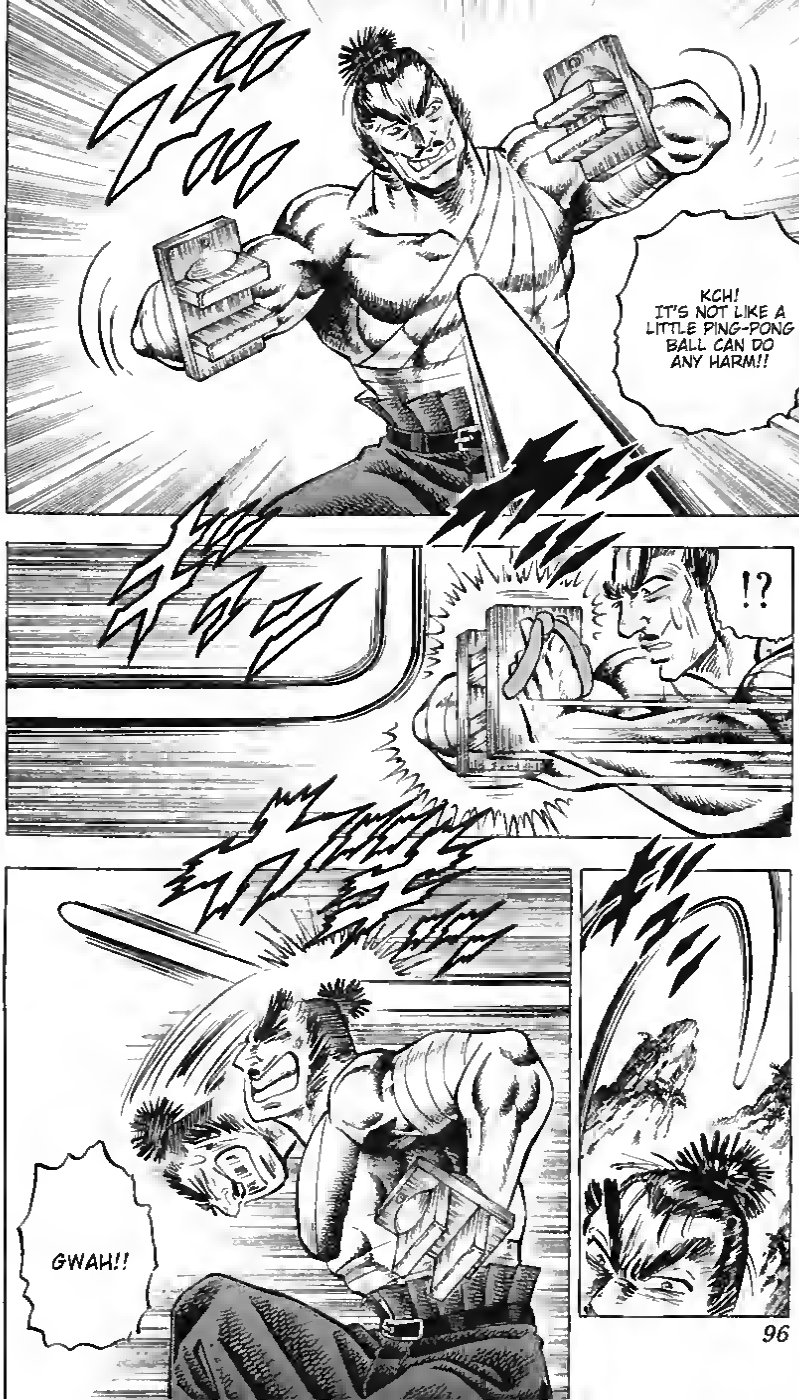

IT'S A BATTLE ON A BRIDGE! IF THEY TAKE ONE WRONG STEP, THEY'LL FALL TO THEIR DEATHS!!
THE FIRST MATCH OF THE THREE BARRIERS OF HAN JI FENG IS NOBUNAGA OF JAPAN VS. XIANG-ZHUO OF CHINA!!

THAT'S NOT A TABLE TENNIS RACKET, IS IT...?
LOOK! THAT XIANG-ZHUO GUY HAS SOMETHING WEIRD IN HIS HANDS

YOU WANT TO PLAY A GAME OF PING-PONG WITH ME?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...?

WHETHER MY PING-PONG IS A GAME...!!
YOU'LL SOON KNOW VERY WELL...
HAH!!


KCH! IT'S NOT LIKE A LITTLE PING-PONG BALL CAN DO ANY HARM!!
!?
GWAH!!

THINK OF IT AS AN ELASTIC ROCK.
DID YOU FEEL HOW HARD THIS BALL IS...?
GGHH..
AUU UGG HH!!
GOD DAM MIT!!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT WAS ALIVE..
DID YOU SEE HOW IT MOVED...?

KCH!!
HAH!!
WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THIS!?
GAA AUGH!!

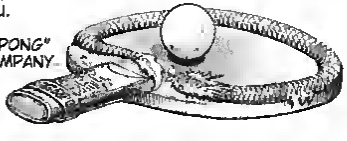
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THIS BALL'S MOVEMENTS.
IT'S UNDER MY COMPLETE CONTROL, AND IT ALWAYS COMES BACK TO ME.
THIS IS THE SHEN-QUAN TEMPLE TOP-SECRET TECHNIQUE:
QUICK KILLING BALL!!!
!!
GWA AAH!!

IN THE BEGINNING, TABLE TENNIS WAS USED AS A TRAINING METHOD FOR MARTIAL ARTISTS TO TRAIN THEIR REFLEXES AND CONCENTRATION, BUT WAS SOON DEVELOPED INTO A POWERFUL COMBAT-USE SECRET TECHNIQUE.

QUICK KILLING BALL — THE WORLD HAS RECOGNIZED CHINA'S OVERWHELMING SKILLS IN TABLE TENNIS, THEIR NATIONAL SPORT, IN MODERN TIMES, BUT NOT MANY KNOW THAT TABLE TENNIS ORIGINATED WITH CHINESE KUNG-FU.

INCIDENTALLY, THE ENGLISH WORD FOR TABLE TENNIS, PING-PONG, COMES FROM THE NAME OF A MASTER OF THIS SECRET TECHNIQUE, PING PON-GU.

FROM "THE LEGEND OF PING-PONG" BY THE MINMEI PUBLISHING COMPANY.



HAA AH!!
NGG GHH ...!!
NOBU-NAGA!!

S-SHUT UP... THIS ISN'T ENOUGH FOR ME TO...
LOOKS LIKE YOUR BONES ARE ALL CRACKED.
THE BATTLE HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR.
WAITING TO FEAST ON YOUR CORPSE!
THAT BIRD UP THERE IS WAITING...

!?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MADE IT THIS FAR...
HEHEHE... RUNNING AWAY, ARE YOU?

INFINITE LIFE-DEATH STYLE...
EVERYTHING AROUND ME IS MY WEAPON...!!
EAT THIS!!
YOU COWARD!!
!?

WHICH ONE'S THE REAL ONE!?
RIDICULOUS. DID YOU THINK THAT THIS IS ALL IT WOULD TAKE TO CONFUSE ME!?
HEH. I SEE, YOU USED THE EGGS FROM THE BIRD'S NEST...

THEY'RE ALL THE WRONG ONES.
NOW FOR THE PENALTY! THE MOTHER BIRD IS PISSED...!!
WHAT ...!?
WHOA!!

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青年よ、大死を抱け

AKATSUKI!! OTOKOJUKU!!

YOUNG MEN EMBRACE THE GREAT DEATH

FIGHT TAZMO

To my fellow fans -

Recently, a member of the community named Blud typed out a informative, and well written page that detailed the exploits of Narutofan creator Tazmo.

The point of this was to further spread the awareness of who Tazmo is, what he does, and why it is wrong. However, things like these tend to eventually need updating, and that is why this has been typed out.

What Blud stated is all very correct. However, it must be brought to everyones attention that Tazmo has expanded into full blown, stand alone websites that he has referred to as "revolutionary services".

http://www.anime-plus.com

and

http://www.manga-plus.com

These websites seek to misinform manga and anime fans across the world into believing that his services are fair, the only one of their kind, and more secure than using other resources such as IRC or BitTorrent to get what you want.

The truth is as follows: Tazmo himself uses IRC and BitTorrent to get the files on his websites. He uses the FREE resources that every single one of you can also use, so that he can charge you various fees for getting what is FREE.

Tazmo is profiteering off of a FREE service provided by various members of the anime and manga community who donate their spare time to bring the latest manga and anime to you for FREE. They donate their time, work, and abilities in various areas, as well as use their own bandwidth to serve files.

There are various FREE ways to get and read the manga you want. There are free online readers such as http://www.onemanga.com as well as http://www.mangahut.com.

There are also resource websites such as http://www.mangahelpers.com, http://www.mangashare.com, as well as database resource sites such as http://www.mangaupdates.com.

There are thousands of people who work thousands of hours weekly to bring you the manga you love to read, as well as the anime you love to watch. They do it not to make a profit, but for FREE as a FREE service to the community that we all love very much. **EVERYTIME TAZMO MAKES MONEY OFF OF THEIR HARD WORK HE NOT ONLY INSULTS THEM, BUT INSULTS ALL THOSE WHO PAY FOR HIS SERVICE. Do the right thing, stop supporting Tazmo.**

Drafted by Kaiah. Inspired by Blud. Free distribution with any releases is encouraged.
Fight Tazmo. Put this and Blud's page in your releases to get the word out.